

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Original) A method of receiving assistance with transportation reservations, comprising:
 - a. accessing a transportation reservation system via an Internet-enabled device, said transportation reservation system being in communication with a plurality of independent travel service providers;
 - b. transmitting a travel service request to said transportation reservation system;
 - c. receiving transportation service information from said transportation reservation system in response to said travel service request;
 - d. transmitting a travel request confirmation to said transportation reservation system; and
 - e. receiving transportation service in accordance with the confirmation.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising transmitting payment information to said transportation reservation system.
3. (Original) The method of claim 2, further comprising transmitting identification information to said transportation reservation system, wherein said identification information may identify a user as a repeat customer or a first-time customer.
4. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein said travel service request comprises at least one of: location information regarding desired transportation, time of desired transportation, flexibility regarding the time of desired transportation, number of stops between trip origin and trip destination, preference regarding sharing of ride and payment method.
5. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein said travel service request further comprises information regarding taxi driver preference.
6. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein said information regarding taxi driver preference includes at least one of taxi driver's native language, a taxi driver's proficiency in English, type of taxi cab desired and any desired special features.

7. (Original) A method of providing travel reservations, comprising:
 - a. receiving travel information from a taxi customer;
 - b. validating travel information received from said taxi customer;
 - c. accessing a central storage device to search for available transportation among a plurality of independent travel service providers in accordance with the received travel information;
 - d. transmitting availability information regarding available transportation to said taxi customer;
 - e. receiving confirmation from said taxi customer regarding said available transportation; and
 - f. transmitting reservation information to a first taxi driver in conformance with the confirmation received from said taxi customer.
8. (Original) The method of claim 7, further comprising tracking said first taxi driver to ensure said first taxi driver meets said taxi customer at pre-approved arrival time.
9. (Original) The method of claim 8, further comprising calculating the travel time from origination point to destination point of the travel.
10. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein said travel time is calculated based on the distance between the origination point and the destination point and legally allowed speed for the travel.
11. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein a plurality of taxis are provided with devices having Global Positioning System (GPS) facilities, such that said devices transmit traffic information to a central server and allow real time navigation.
12. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein the traffic information includes traffic conditions along a route being taken by one of said plurality of taxis.
- 13-15. (Canceled)
16. (Original) The method of claim 8, further comprising charging said taxi customer for the travel.
17. (Original) The method of claim 16, further comprising tracking said taxi driver upon receiving confirmation from said taxi customer to confirm that said taxi driver is on route to meet said taxi customer at the scheduled time.

18. (Original) The method of claim 17, further comprising receiving customer feedback regarding said travel with said first taxi driver and updating its feedback data.

19. (Original) The method of claim 18, further comprising transferring payment to said first taxi driver for the travel.

20-21. (Canceled)

22. (Original) A method of providing transportation services by a reservation service provider, comprising:

a. receiving notification from a plurality of independent taxi drivers regarding availability for providing transportation;

b. receiving a reservation request from a taxi customer;

c. transmitting said reservation request to a first taxi driver;

d. receiving confirmation from said first taxi driver regarding providing taxi services to said taxi customer in conformance with said reservation request; and

e. transmitting said confirmation from said first taxi driver to said taxi customer.

23. (Original) The method of claim 22, further comprising receiving user feedback regarding said taxi services from said taxi customer after said taxi customer has utilized said taxi services.

24. (Original) The method of claim 23, wherein said feedback is incorporated into a rating system for use by future taxi customers, wherein said rating system provides rating on a plurality of taxi drivers capable of providing transportation services.

25. (Original) The method of claim 24, wherein said plurality of taxi drivers comprises said first taxi driver.

26-94. (Canceled)